



FREDERICK O. BUELL  
Pioneer businessman and founder  
of Buell's Store.

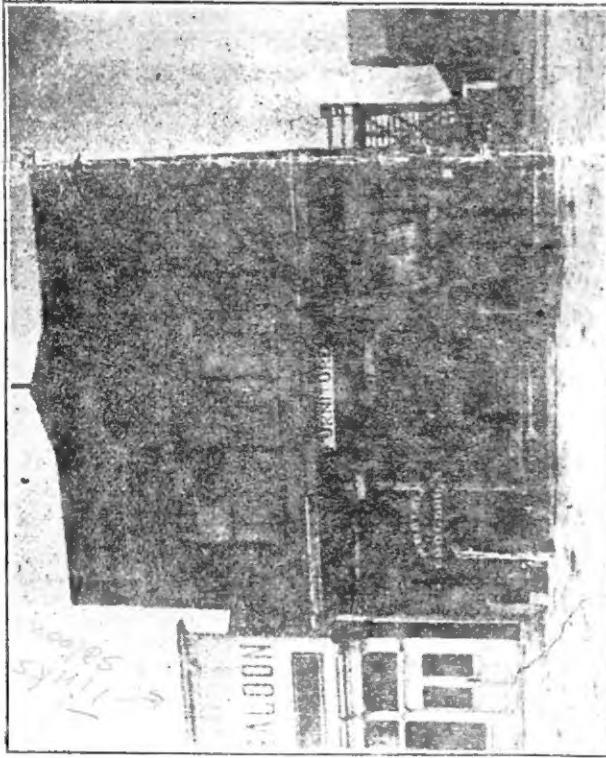
Another pioneer business in Heber was the Buell's Store. The founder, Frederick O. Buell came to Utah in 1872 with his grandmother, Persinda H. Buell Kimball, one of the wives of Heber C. Kimball. He had been living in Missouri but came west with his grandmother when his father died. He stayed in Salt Lake and lived with Pres. Brigham Young until 1876 and then returned to Missouri where he apprenticed as a tin and copper smith. Visiting with an aunt in Summit County in 1882, he met President Wilford Woodruff who told him there was a good opening in Heber for a tinsmith. On May 14, 1883 he walked into Heber with his tools and rented a small shop at 143 N. Main. His business grew, and he eventually purchased the property and built a building. In 1884 he added a small stock of groceries and candy in addition to his tin-smith business, and this proved so successful that he opened a general merchandise business in 1894 with an even larger building. He built a community dance hall on the second floor which was in constant use. He continued in his business until he retired on January 1, 1920 and moved to Provo. His son, Owen, continued to operate the store and added a fresh meat department. In 1925 James T. Simkins, a brother-in-law, purchased an interest in the store and it was incorporated as Buell & Simkins. The corporation was later dissolved and it became Buells Food Store. Another remodeling took place in 1934 when the store joined the Independent Grocers Assn. (I.G.A.) and opened the

valley, and through honest dealing and fair treatment conducted a fine business until 1940 when they sold their interests to

F. O. Buell's store which was built in 1894. Shown in this picture, taken in 1902, are F. O. Buell and clerks in front of the store and Owen and Golda Buell in the old Social Hall built in 1873.



Buell's Food Store in 1934 as it was remodeled and operated under the ownership and management of Owen F. Buell.



#### F. O. BUELL'S STORE

F. O. [Buell] came to Heber City in 1882 with a small collection of tinware tools which, with his knowledge of tinsmithing, constituted his stock in trade. Although he began business in a small way he soon branched out into merchandise and through careful management and industry his business has steadily increased until the present and he is now reaching out to grasp new territory on the Reservation in which to extend his mercantile operations. Soon after coming to Heber he opened a shop at the present site of his store and with a few boxes of merchandise with his tin smithing, that he has met and some opposition in his business career, but he has proved himself able to surmount the former and live down the later. A branch store has already been established at Stockmore with C. W. Phelps in charge which is receiving a fair share of the trade in that locality. Another branch to be known as the

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for his living. In 1929 he and his wife moved to Pleasant Grove to retire, though they did engage in the chicken business there for a time.

After his wife's death in 1944 Gottlieb engaged in genealogical and temple work and was very faithful in this endeavor.

Children of Gottlieb and Louisa included:

Ida, died

Karl, died

Clara, married to Oscar Young Giles  
Walter, married Wilma Witt

Leda, died

Morris, married Ruth Smith

Arnold, died

Alonzo, died

Emery Grant, married Lynile Ash.

## GOTTFRIED BUHLER AND LOUISA BARBEN BUHLER



Gottfried Buhler, son of Ulrich Buhler and Anna Burgdorffer Buhler. Born October 28, 1854, Gunten, Lake of Thun, Canton Bern, Switzerland.

Married Louisa Barben December 9, 1880, Salt Lake Endowment House.

Died November 1, 1935, in Midway.

Louisa Barben, daughter of Jacob Barben and Susan Burgener Barben.

Born January 1, 1865, in Bern, Switzerland.

Died January 24, 1914, in Midway.

Gottfried Buhler lived with his parents in the little town of Gunten until 1860 when his father sold all his holdings and began preparations to emigrate to Utah. However, when the President of the Swiss-German mission learned that the elder Buhler was planning to leave Switzerland, he told him he must remain for he was needed in leadership there.

Ulrich Buhler had already sold his possessions, but heeded counsel and soon con-

tacted a convert to the church, Christian Burger. He arranged to buy the small Burger farm about 15 miles from their previous holdings.

The Buhler family was somewhat dissatisfied with the new farm, as they had left a comfortable three-story home, and were now living in a stable. But they had faith, and for 12 years remained in Switzerland leading the people and converting many hundreds more to the gospel.

By the time the family was ready to emigrate, young Gottfried had completed his schooling. They left Switzerland in June of 1872 and arrived in Salt Lake City July 4, about 9 o'clock in the evening.

They stayed for about 10 days in Cottonwood with the Christian Burgers. While there, Gottfried and Chris Burger walked up through the Canyon into Midway where some of his father's brothers resided. Gottfried was impressed with the area, and the next day went with his father to the area. They later made arrangements to move to Midway, moving into a little log house belonging to a man named Moser.

Gottfried in the meantime secured work, even though only 17, with a company building a railroad through American Fork Canyon. One Sunday the sawmill where he had his bedding burned down, and he was forced to return to Midway. It was dark when he got to the head of the canyon, and he became lost in the tops of the mountains. While lost he had a miraculous experience and was safely rescued through the inspiration of the Lord.

Following this he went to Murray and obtained work at a German smelter being constructed there. He worked there for some two years, and then in 1875 went to Eureka City, Nevada, and then on to a ranch at Duckwater, Nevada. He returned home during the summer, and went again the next winter to Duckwater. The following winter he worked at Park City, where he labored until 1880. That year he married Louisa Barben and moved into a one-room home he had built two years previous.

The summer following his marriage he added two more rooms, and made new furniture. After his marriage he remained at home and began farming 26 acres. He also did carpenter work in his spare time.

In 1888 he was called to serve as a missionary in Switzerland. He and his wife had three children, Frank, William and Jo-

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seph. Before he left, Frank died of pneumonia, but on Oct. 10, 1888, he left for the mission field. He labored in Switzerland, and then later went to Munich, Germany, where he enjoyed a successful mission.

Returning home he was instrumental in organizing a branch of German and Swiss speaking people in Midway. They would attend the regular Sunday School, and then hold a meeting, speaking only German. Then they would attend the regular Sacrament meeting in an effort to learn the English language.

Traveling to Cache Valley, Gottfried learned the cheese business, and returned to Midway to build the first creamery in the county. He taught his boys the trade, and their cheeses won many prizes at the state fair. He also owned a general store and built the first public bath house.

Gottfried remained faithful to the Church throughout his life. He held the office of a Seventy at the time of his death. He loved music and played the organ, harmonica and accordion.

Louisa Buhler was loved by the people who knew her. She was shy and retiring. She was devoted to her children.

She excelled in sewing and cooking. She was hospitable and very kind. She fed everyone who visited at her home. She sent food to the sick and the needy. She had a cheerful, pleasant disposition. She was thoughtful of her friends and neighbors and loved her family with a great devotion.

Children of Gottfried and Louisa Barben Buhler include:

Frank, died at the age of three

William J., married to Rachel Wilson  
Joseph, married to Hazel Jones

Alma, married to Hazel Loveridge

Adeline Louise (Ardell), married to Dean Clyde

Francis, married to Louise Griner

Ephraim, married to Dora Hunt

Roland, married to Florence Hasler

Orson, married to Emma McCallister

Bernice, married to Lynn McDonald

Veste, married to John Routh

Thurman, married to Faye Bronson.

ANDREAS (ANDREW)  
BURGENER AND  
MAGDALENA MEIER  
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Andreas Burgener, son of Jacob Burgener



and Anna Teuscher. Born September 13, 1846, in Faulenell, Switzerland.

Married Magdalena Meier November 25, 1870, in Switzerland.

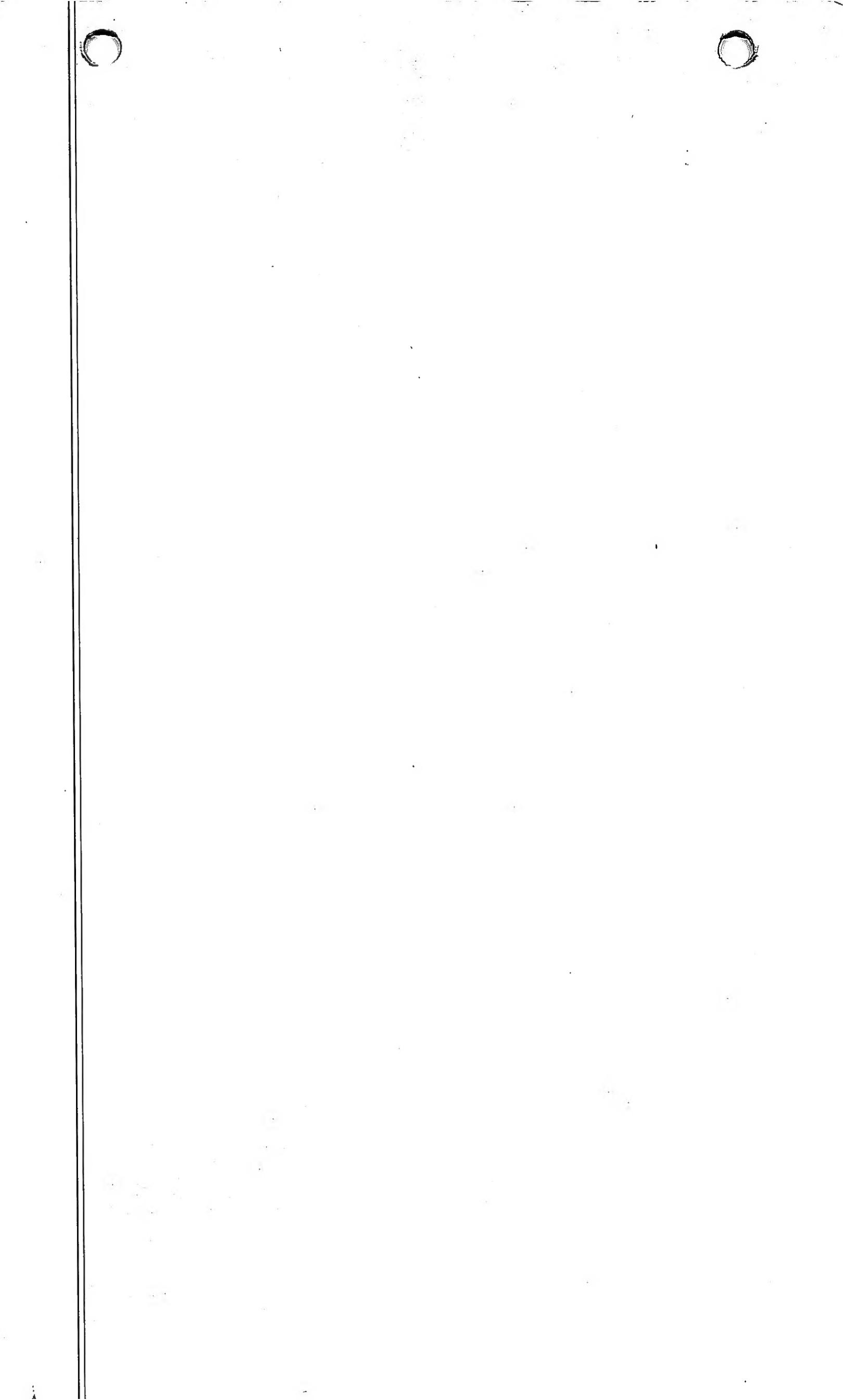
Died November 21, 1933, Midway.

Magdalena Meier, daughter of Christian Meier and Susanna Rotheimmund Meier. Born June 29, 1846, at Krutigen, Bern, Switzerland. Died March 25, 1925, Midway.

Andreas Burgener's home was the town of Faulensee, Switzerland. The Franco-Prussian war occurred in Europe in 1870-71. Andreas Burgener was in this war as a military band leader. Because of the many wars at this time, many of the German and Swiss people migrated to America. The Mormon missionaries were doing a great deal of work in various towns in Switzerland, and Andreas Burgener and his family were converted to The Church of Jesus Christ and migrated to Utah.

Andreas Burgener went to school from the age of six to 16. He learned to play the trumpet in school. When he was not in school he was with his father on a merchandise boat which the family owned, which hauled many commodities. They sailed across Lake of Thun. They also owned a stone quarry and hauled stone to the small towns along the lake shores. These men were large and strong and able to do heavy work. Andreas at the age of 25 years was 6 feet 2 inches tall and weighed 225 pounds. One season late in the fall, Andreas and his brother Frederick were hauling stone on Lake of Thun. Frederick slipped, lost his balance, fell in the icy water and was drowned. The family owned three cows and it was Andreas job to milk them and help with the work on the 30-acre farm. As they lived on the shores of the lake the boys did a lot of fishing. The family also had a fruit orchard and raised apples, cherries, grapes, etc.

When Andreas became of age he went to military school, majoring in music. He



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## HENRY CLEGG, JR.

Henry Clegg Jr. was born 7 June 1825 at Bamberbridge, Lancashire, England, to Henry Clegg Sr. and Ellen Cardwell Clegg.

He was the youngest of eight children in this family. Henry was 12 years of age when Heber C. Kimball and other LDS missionaries from America arrived in Preston with the message of the restored gospel of Jesus Christ. Henry Clegg Sr. and his brother Johnathan were in the market place when the missionaries arrived. They were among the first converts. Tradition has it that Henry Sr. was the second convert baptized in England. He ran a race to the river Ribble in Preston to see who was to be first, but lost to George D. Watt, a younger man.

Little is known of Henry Jr., days as a youth. We know he acquired a good education and followed the shoe and clog making trade of his father. He and his young wife Hannah Eastham joined the LDS Church and were baptized March 1848. Together they worked and saved means to immigrate to Utah. They with their two sons, Israel and Henry James, bid farewell to their loved ones, none of whom they ever saw again, with the exception of a brother Johnathan. Their oldest son Thomas was accidentally burned to death two years prior to that time. They set sail from Liverpool with many other Saints on the steamship "Juventa" on March 31, 1855. Six weeks later they landed in Philadelphia; then went

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by train to Pittsburgh; then by steamboat down the Ohio river to St. Louis. At Mormon Grove near Atchinson, Kansas, they joined the Richard Ballantyne Company of 42 saints and 45 ox-drawn wagons. Preparations were made for the long journey where they could enjoy their new-found religion free from persecution.

However, that wasn't the privilege of his dear wife Hannah, a frail little woman. The hardships of the long journey proved too much and she died March 28, 1855, and was laid to rest in an unmarked grave. Shortly after, little Henry died and his father carried him back and placed him in the grave with his mother. Heartbroken, he hastened to catch up with the Saints, taking his little son Israel by the hand. They started the 1,000 mile trek across the plains. After four months they arrived in Salt Lake Valley. Among those who greeted the travelers, was a 19-year-old Welch girl, Ann Lewis, who later became the bride of Henry Clegg Jr. She came to Utah in 1854, traveling in first class style in Darwin Richards Company. She was born June 25, 1836 in Cardiff, Wales. She married Henry Clegg Jr. December 3, 1855. They resided in the 19th Ward where their first son, John was born August 14, 1857. They received their endowments in the old Endowment House and were sealed by Brigham Young. The same day he married as his plural wife a young 17-year-old immigrant girl, Margaret Ann Griffiths. She was born in Liverpool April 5, 1840. She with her father John Griffiths, a step-mother, two brothers and a sister, Jane, traveled in the ill-fated Edward Martin Handcart Company. Her two brothers, 10 and 12 years of age, died of cold and hunger and her father died the night they arrived in Salt Lake. Margaret Ann and her sister had frostbitten hands and feet.

In 1858 when Johnston's Army was sent to Utah with hostile intentions, Henry with other Saints left their homes and moved south. Henry took his two wives and two sons and made their home in Springville. He then joined other men in Echo Canyon to hold back the invasion of the army. When he returned they decided to stay in Springville. He became a leading citizen. He was a fine musician. He played the dulcimer for dances. He organized and directed a choir of 60 voices. His wives were also

good singers. They would sing with him when he gave lectures in nearby wards and towns.

He carried on his shoemaking trade. He managed to make one pair of shoes a year for each member of the family. Seeing the necessity of work for his sons he moved to Provo Valley, now Heber City, where his brother Johnathan had settled. In 1872 he and his wives and family moved to Heber. His son Israel had married, and remained in Springville all his life.

Henry took up a homestead in southeastern Heber, where his sons farmed, perpetuated a saw mill and later a rock quarry. Henry went into the mercantile business. He again proved to be a prominent leader in both civic and religious activities of the town. He taught school; organized and directed the Band of Hope; and also played in the Martial Band and was bishop of the West Ward for many years. He was stake clerk, Sunday School superintendent and also served in the Wasatch Stake High Council. He was an expert mathematician and did much public work in that field.

He died at the age of 69 years on 30th of August 1894. Ann Lewis Clegg died the 11th of April 1913 at the age of 77. Margaret Griffith Clegg died 29th of July 1929 at the age of 89. They are buried in Heber cemetery.

